Fun Farm Facts

DID YOU KNOW.....

....a combine can harvest enough wheat in 9 seconds to make 70 loaves of bread?

....wheat farmers make about 4 cents from each loaf of bread sold?

....one acre of wheat can produce enough flour to furnish a family of four with bread for nearly ten years?

....the United States uses over 3 million bushels of wheat each day?

....more foods are made with wheat than any other cereal grain?

....a bushel of wheat yields approximately 42 pounds of white flour or 73 one-pound loaves of bread?

....the average one-pound loaf of bread has 16 slices? 73 loaves of bread would have 1,168 slices and those slices would make 584 sandwiches.

....there are over 400 varieties of wheat grown in the U.S.?

in 1841?

....the first wheat grown in Montana was at St. Mary's

Mission in the
Bitterroot Valley

....one bushel of wheat contains approximately one million individual kernels?

....more than 10,000 years ago, Near Eastern people, the Natufians, planted the first wheat?

....graham flour is whole wheat flour?

....the vast majority of Montana's exported winter wheat is used for oriental noodles -- not bread?

....one out of every three bushels of Montana wheat goes to Japan?

....Canada is Montana's key wheat competitor -- not Australia?

....per capita flour consumption in the U.S. is 141 pounds?

....wheat flour is an ingredient in many brands of licorice?

....based on a 20-year, Montana all-wheat production average of 153,927,350 bushels, every man, woman, and child in Montana would have to consume at least 14,046 loaves of white bread <u>a day</u> for a whole year in order to use up the Montana production.

....Americans eat 90 acres of pizza per day.

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